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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should devote resources to researching treatment options for women with ovarian cancer and support community groups that promote awareness about the disease and encourage early diagnosis.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BURGESS submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas the American Cancer Society predicts that 14,300 women will die of ovarian cancer and 25,400 new cases of the disease will be diagnosed in 2003;

Whereas among women in the United States ovarian cancer is the the 7th most common cancer and the 5th most common fatal cancer;

Whereas ovarian cancer kills 5 percent of all women who die from cancer, a death toll higher than any other gynecological cancer;

Whereas ovarian cancer occurs in the United States with the same frequency as it did in 1973, but the mortality rate for women diagnosed with ovarian cancer has decreased by about 12 percent due to increased awareness and groundbreaking medical research;

Whereas most cases of ovarian cancer occur in women over the age of 50;

Whereas in a majority of women diagnosed with ovarian cancer, the cancer is only detected after it has spread, which significantly reduces survival rates;

Whereas organizations such as the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition and its state and local chapters work everyday to improve the lives of women affected by ovarian cancer;

Whereas the Federal government devotes millions of dollars annually to research increasingly successful treatment regimens and diagnostic tools to detect ovarian cancer in its early stages; and

Whereas President George W. Bush declared September 2002 as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month to raise awareness about this disease and encourage women to undergo regular health screenings: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring),* That it is the sense of Congress that—

3 (1) Congress should continue to devote re-
4 sources to researching diagnostic tools and methods
5 and treatments for ovarian cancer; and

- 1 (2) Congress should support community groups
- 2 that raise awareness about ovarian cancer in their
- 3 work to improve the lives of women affected by ovar-
- 4 ian cancer.

